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BUDGETORY ALLOCATION FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary allocation for minorities has been reduced in the current year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is not serious in its commitment for the welfare of the minorities since the funds granted for their welfare were woefully inadequate; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) The Government is very serious about its commitment to the welfare of Minorities. The expenditure in 2003-04 was Rs. 21.20 crore. In the first budget of the present Government a special additional allocation of Rs. 50 crore was made for equity contribution to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation. Excluding the special allocation the budget allocation was Rs. 22.29 crore in the year 2004-05. In the year 2005-06 the budget allocation is Rs. 49.60 crore. Moreover, members of Minority Communities also access all the welfare and economic betterment schemes, which are administered for all sections of the society.